

## Create A Movie Using XtraNormal

XtraNormal is a program available to you on the internet. You can find them at [www.xtranormal.com](http://www.xtranormal.com) and they now even have a desktop publisher that you can download and use while you are off-line! For today, we are going to focus on the on-line version.

Below you will find a list of steps for you to go through as you learn how to create a movie of your own. Use this guide in conjunction with my web page. You will find video tutorials and a copy of a lesson plan on my class website, under the Professional Development Opportunities tab in the Menu. All of the information pertaining to XtraNormal is located in Module 1.

1. Visit my classroom website at:  
<https://sites.google.com/a/eastwoodschoools.org/stans-class/>
2. Find the Professional Development Opportunities tab in the Menu and select Module 1: XtraNormal.
3. Here you will find the information I have gathered for you to successfully create a movie for your classroom and to create a lesson to help your students create their own movies for projects.
4. At the bottom of the page, you will find an attachment for lesson plans and this sheet. (Feel free to change anything you need to in order to accommodate to your classroom and liking.) I am also attaching a copy of this step-by-step procedure for your use.
5. Begin by watching several of the examples that I have provided for you. You can also access these samples on the XtraNormal website.
6. The tutorials I have included on the website will remain so that you can come back and review anything we go over today. Feel free to check back often!
7. Now it is time for us to get started! Go the the XtraNormal site and create a log in and password. I have provided you with a tutorial on my class site.
8. Next, you will find another tutorial taking you through the steps of creating your movie. It will start from your log in point.
9. Once you have created your account, log in and click on the "CREATE" tab.
10. The first thing we will do is select a collection you will like to use. For our example you may choose something random, but for your classroom, you may want to select something more appropriate for your grade level and/or topic. I have also placed a warning on my tutorial that the content in XtraNormal can be inappropriate for some students. Please be aware when you have your students working within these collections.
11. For this example, we are going to select one character to use in our movie. You will see that you can use two characters at a time; while I have not done this, it could be great to show Point-of-View or debates!

12. After you select your number of characters, you will be directed to the setting/background page. Choose a background of your liking, being sure to notice “the price” if one is there.
13. Next you can select your character and his/her voice.
14. You can add sounds to the background if you would like.
15. And lastly, the text. This is the bulk of your movie. Whatever you type, will be repeated by your character in your movie. It is important to spell things correctly and to use proper grammar.
16. After the text has been added, you may choose to add in little details to enhance your movie. Give your character some gestures or change the angle of the camera.
17. When you are ready, click on “PUBLISH” to finalize your movie. You will also notice that you may SAVE and return to edit at a later time. If you choose to PREVIEW your movie, you can get an idea of what the final product will look like. Please note, the preview will be shown in lesser video quality than your final movie.
18. Check out the next tutorial video to see how you can embed your video into your own class site.

If you have any questions regarding how to use XtraNormal or you are looking for an outsiders opinions on how you can incorporate a movie into your classroom, feel free to contact me. I can be reached at [cstanfield@eastwoodschoools.org](mailto:cstanfield@eastwoodschoools.org)